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In re the Application of:

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Examiner: Mary Da Zhi Wang Cheung

For: METHOD OF APPARATUS FOR UPDATING A DATABASE USING A RECORDABLE
OPTICAL DISC

STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF TELEPHONE INTERVIEW

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Sir:

A telephone interview was conducted with Examiner Cheung on August 9, 2007.

Applicants thank Examiner Cheung for the courtesies extended to Applicants' representative during the telephone interview. The points discussed are incorporated into the Remarks below and constitute the Applicants' record of the telephone interview.

During the telephone interview, the Applicants' representative discussed the current pending claims over the applied references to Yeates et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,644,782) and Kullick et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,751,997). Specifically, it was discussed how Yeates, Kullick, or their combination fails to disclose or suggest an initial data in a read-only region of the optical disc and updated data in a recordable region of the optical disc, as defined in claims 1, 4, and 28. Additionally, it was discussed how, Yeates, Kullick, or their combination fails to disclose or suggest that the date and time of the last update are those generated by the server or that the first and second dates and times are those generated by the server, as defined in claims 1, 4, and 28. Finally, the applied reference to Alloul et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,032,130) fails to provide for the deficiencies of Yeates, Kullick, or their combination.

During the telephone interview, in discussing the date and time of the last update generated by the server, the Examiner directed the representative's attention to col. 4, line 66-

col. 5, line 2 of Kullick, where it is stated that the computer device 18 of Kullick can be any personal computer, workstation, minicomputer or large computer, or other specialized computing device or peripheral attached to the communication network. The Examiner stated that the passage allows for the computer device 18 to be a server to provide the data and time of the last update.

Applicants respectfully submit that even if the interpretation is assumed to be correct, Kullick still would not disclose or suggest the recited claim features. Further, Kullick discloses a system to back-up data from a plurality of computer in a centralized location. For this purpose, Kullick has a plurality of computer devices 18, whose data are backed up using a primary storage device 14 and a secondary storage device 16. If the computer devices 18 are to be interpreted as servers, then Kullick would be disclosing that the data of the computer devices 18 as servers are backed up by the primary and secondary storage devices 14 and 16, rather than disclosing or suggesting the computer devices 18 as servers for the provision of data to a user computer.

Finally, it is noted that the present invention is not directed to installing update data for updating the initial data on a computer system, but is directed to recording the update data on a predetermined area of an optical disc. Thus, in the present invention, accessing the update data is possible anywhere using the optical disc, and update data access is not restricted to a specific computer system on which the update data is installed.

Accordingly, based on at least the reasons stated in the June 5, 2005 filed Request for Reconsideration, the August 2, 2007 filed Amendment, and the above, claims 1, 4, 28, and their respective dependent claims are patentably distinguishable over the applied references and their combination.

Respectfully submitted,

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